

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 10-13, 17-21, and 23-24 are presently active. Claims 5, 7, 9, and 25-36 are withdrawn. Claims 2-3, 6, 8, 14-16, and 22 are canceled. Claims 7, 11, and 13 have been presently amended. More specifically, Claim 7 has been amended to correct a claim dependence, and Claims 11 and 13 have been presently amended to depend only from Claim 1.

Accordingly, no new matter is added.

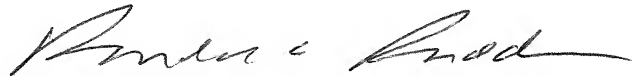
In response to the Restriction Requirement of the outstanding Office Action, Applicant elects Group 1, Claims 1, 4, 10-13, 17-21, and 23-24 without traverse.

The election is made without prejudice or disclaimer, as Applicant makes this election based on the understanding that Applicant is not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, an early and favorable consideration on the merits of Claims 1, 4, 10-13, 17-21, and 23-24 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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